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SUBJECT: FNM – TRAINING CONFERENCE – SWCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TO: All Employees

ACTION REQUIRED BY: MAY 13, 2008

Purpose. To transmit information to all employees regarding the SWCS Annual Conference

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) encourages attendance and participation by employees in career-related professional organizations that enhance career development and professionalism.

The 2008 SWCS Annual Conference will be held in Tucson, Arizona, July 26-30, 2008, and focuses on the following topic areas: Soil Resources, Management and Conservation; Water Resources and Management; Conservation in Urban Settings; Adaptive Management of Conservation Efforts; Conservation Education; Conservation Tools and Technologies; and Conservation and Environmental Policy and Program Design. The 2008 areas of special interest are Hydrology, Climate Change, and the Bio-economy. Additional information is available on the SWCS Web site, http://www.swcs.org/en/conferences/2008_annual_conference/.

The second annual Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Showcase will be held in conjunction with SWCS Annual Conference. The CIG Showcase is comprised of concurrent morning and afternoon sessions on Monday, July 28 and on Tuesday, July 29. The CIG Showcase reception will be held on Monday, July 28, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Employees are encouraged to attend Showcase activities to learn about innovative conservation project and the CIG program. Attendance is particularly beneficial for State and national technical contacts, CIG program managers and coordinators, technical specialist, and planners.

The deadline for the SWCS early registration discount is June 12, 2008. Employees are encourage to take advantage of the early registration discount.

Approval to attend on government time and expense will be in accordance with New Mexico policy in the General Manual, Title 250, Part 406. Under that policy, the State Conservationist will determine the number of employees that New Mexico can support financially to attend on government time and expense.

Request and justifications for meeting attendance should be submitted through proper channels to Financial Management (FNM) in the State Office. Request for attendance must be submitted in time to be received in FNM by May 13, 2008.

/s/ by Norman Vigil, Acting

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